fit for College admission. Such a step on the part of the College authorities drove many young men to Colleges outside the State where they were freely admitted. When the cry in Travancore was for more Colleges, it was deplorable that there should be grievances in the matter of admission to the only Government College. The second subject of complaint was the severity with which the Selection Examinations were being conducted in the Junior Intermediate and B. A. classes. In the Member's opinion, such Selection examinations were unnecessary. Even in spite of all those tests the University examination results were not commensurately creditable. There were some well-known Colleges in the Presidency where no Selection examinations were being held. Thirdly, the Member spoke about the unsatisfactory management of the Caste Hindu Hostel and said that the charges for each student were high, that the Warden should be an Indian to ensure proper supervision of the kitchen, that the staff was larger than was necessary and that the treatment accorded to the students by the European Warden should be better.

The Member represented that the policy in regard to Secondary education required revision. The expenses were, no doubt, on the increase due to the large salaries given to teachers. But the receipts too were increasing and, at the worst, the finances in regard to English education would be balanced. It would be enough to see that the Government were not losers. That being the case, the number of English schools should be increased. The English High schools were not being proportionately distributed and there was necessity for a larger number of Lower Grade English schools also in the various parts of the State. So far as South Travancore was concerned, the number of Higher Grade English schools was not at all sufficient. There ought to be one at least in Vilavancode, as it would serve the surrounding taluks having Lower Grade English schools.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. As regards the Hostel, at present Government are spending some amount out of the State exchequer. This is not fair to the general tax-payer. It is but right that the students should be made to share the whole of the expenditure incurred on their behalf.

130. Raising the standard of the Lower Grade English School at Neyyattinkara.

Mr. M. Kesava Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara Taluk) emphasized the need for raising the standard of the L. G. English school at Neyyattinkara and said that, owing to the absence of higher classes, most of the boys discontinued their English studies after the Third Form. The people of the place were generally poor and could not afford to send their children to distant places for education. There was also the fear that, if the young boys were sent to distant places, they would go astray owing to want of direct supervision from the parents. Hence, English education was day after day decreasing in the taluk. A very large number of boys were receiving instruction in the Malayalam schools but they did not avail themselves of English education owing to the above causes. The present English school afforded facilities for extension. The people were prepared to construct additional buildings that might be necessary and also defray the additional expenditure on account of opening the higher class. He requested that the Fourth Form might be opened at least temporarily for one year and that, in the event of its not proving successful, the class might be discontinued.

To the Dewan's query, the Member said that the Higher Grade English school at Kanjirancolam was 6 miles from Neyyattinkara and that the place lacked water and other conveniences necessary for the boys.

Dewan's reply.—A report will be called for from the Director of Public Instruction on the Member's representation.

131. Raising the standard of the Lower Grade English School at Kottarakara.

Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai (Member, Kottarakara Taluk) pointed out the need for a Higher Grade English school at Kottarakara and said that the subject was an old one. The strength of the school was 208, though many boys were drawn

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